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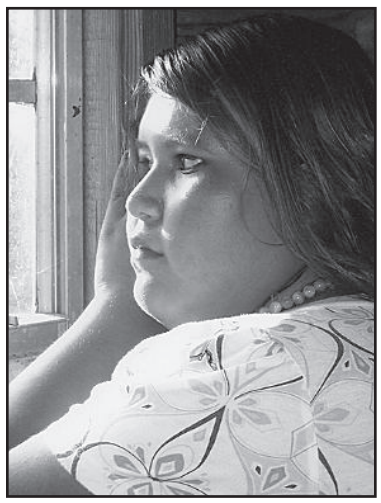

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Chickasaw Princess Pageant October 1 at Ada High

ADA, Okla. – Three young women will be selected Chickasaw royalty during the 2007-2008 Chickasaw Princess Pageant. The pageant is set for 6 p.m., Monday, Oct. 1, at the Ada High School Cougar Activity Center.

Chickasaw Princess, Junior Chickasaw Princess and Little Miss Chickasaw will be announced during the ceremony. The new Chickasaw royalty will begin their reigns a few days later when Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby crowns them at the Chickasaw Annual Meeting.

Princess candidates are judged on interviewing skills, traditional Chickasaw dress, answering random questions, talent competition and poise on stage.

The royalty will have the honor and privilege of representing the Chickasaw Nation at various functions and events across Oklahoma and the U.S.

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Chickasaw Princess Candidates

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Erin Kay Brown is the 17-year-old daughter of Link Brown and Trish (Hinds) Brown. She is a student at the Pontotoc Technology Center, Ada, Okla.

"Why I would like to be Chickasaw Princess"

Holito,

My name is Erin Kay Brown. I am the daughter of Trish Brown and Link Brown. I am 17 years old and I graduated from high school this past year and now attend nursing school. I plan to specialize in pediatrics. I believe that I have a calling in my life and I am going to do my best to fulfill it.

I have held the title of Little Miss Chickasaw and Jr. Miss Chickasaw and would be greatly honored to serve as Miss Chickasaw. This generation needs leaders to step up and be an example of what is right, which is what I believe I was put here for. I believe our Creator did too much for His people for us to take life for granted. Young girls need an example of what a real woman is supposed to be – pure, honest, confident and successful. We should all be proud of our culture. We have been blessed with the most wonderful Nation of all. I don't know what I would have done without my heritage.

I said six years ago when I was running for Little Miss Chickasaw and three years ago when I was running for Jr. Miss Chickasaw that I would do whatever I could to best represent the Chickasaw Nation and it is still true today. Our younger generation needs good role models to show them the way, which is why I'm running for Miss Chickasaw 2007-2008. I promise to do my best and with God at my side, I believe I will achieve it.

Thank you and God Bless,
Erin Brown

Jaisen Monetathchi

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Jaisen Kerry Monetathchi is the 17-year-old daughter of Dusk and Melanie Monetathchi. She is a senior at Ada High School, Ada, Okla.

"Why I would like to be Chickasaw Princess"

Chuck-ma,

I am Jaisen Monetathchi, daughter of Dusk and Melanie Monetathchi. I am the granddaughter of Deloris Monetathchi, Wilma Cravatt and the late Wayne Cravatt. I attend church at Life Community Church, Ada. I am a very dedicated Christian with strong morals and convictions. For me Christianity is not just a belief but it's a way of life.

I'm currently a senior at Ada High School. My plans are to attend college next year at Southeastern State University. My childhood dream was to become Miss Indian World and to attend college to become a doctor. I am doing my best each day to make these dreams a reality.

I would be honored to be 2007-2008 Miss Chickasaw. I want to serve and represent my people. I have proudly abstained from all drugs and all alcohol. I am also involved with programs such as D.A.R.E (Drug and Alcohol Resistance Education) and G.R.E.A.T (Gang Resistance Education And Training). If I were chosen to be Miss Chickasaw I would integrate these programs with my regular duties. I want to be a role model for youth of all ages. I will continue to do my very best to serve and make the people of this nation very proud.

To me the crown is much more than a title. It tells people who may not know who we are, that we are a strong and beautiful nation. When I was 1998-1999 Little Miss and 2005-2006 Jr. Miss, I did my best to represent the Chickasaw people and make them proud. My passion for giving speeches, meeting and visiting with people made the opportunities to serve an enjoyable way of life. If I were chosen to be the 2007-2008 Miss Chickasaw it would again be an honor to represent the powerful and strong people who make this nation unconquered and unconquerable.

Sonni Turtle

Sonni Turtle

Sonni Dawn Turtle is the 20-year-old daughter of Troy Turtle and Caren (Parnacher) Turtle. She is a sophomore at East Central University, Ada, Okla.

"Why I would like to be Chickasaw Princess"

Hello to all!

My name is Sonni Dawn Turtle. I am a sophomore at East Central University. My most recent accomplishment in college has been to be named to the Dean's Honor Roll. My interests are listening to inspirational songs while driving my car, texting and spending time with my family and friends.

My Mom and Dad are Caren (Parnacher) Turtle and Troy Turtle. My poppa and grandma are Lloyd Parnacher and the late Elouise Shoemaker Parnacher. I have a sister, Jodi Turtle, and a brother, Nathan Turtle. I also have a beautiful nephew, Shay.

I would like to be the Chickasaw Princess because I feel like I would be a good and positive role model to other Chickasaw youth. I am living proof that no matter what comes into your life, you will have the ability to deal with it.

Early in my life I had to put my dreams on hold and fight for my life against cancer. God and I won. So now, inspiring young Chickasaws and other Native Americans to achieve their full potential and to begin reaching for their dreams, as a youth is very important to me.

It's important because life is short, and I've been taught, that by dreaming "big" dreams there's room for finding yourself along the way, that "because the sky is the limit," I am able to be anything I want to be, and that "nothing is impossible if you believe." And I believe.

I am Chi ka sha.

Carla Lane

Carla Lane

Carla Danell Lane is the 21-year-old daughter of J.D. Lane and Janett (Brown) Lane.

"Why I would like to be Chickasaw Princess"

I would like to be the Chickasaw Princess because I think it would be a great honor to represent the Chickasaw Nation. I take great pride in my Chickasaw heritage, and have learned many interesting things about our great nation.

It would mean a great deal to be crowned Princess of the Chickasaw Nation as it has been a life-long goal of mine. They are role models for the Chickasaw citizens as well as other tribal members, and I think I would do a great job representing my tribe.

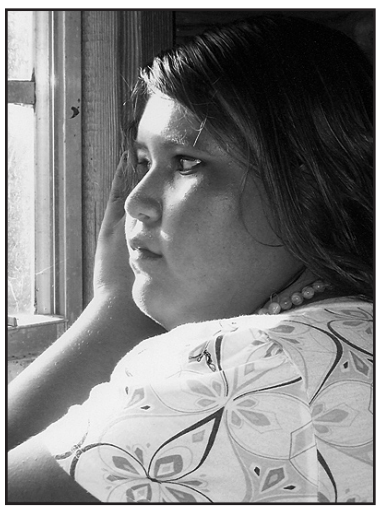
Over the past few years I have learned a lot more about our culture and where we come from and have a good understanding of what it means to be Chickasaw, as well as be a good representative of the Chickasaw people and as a Chickasaw Princess I would be able to share my knowledge with others and let them know how proud I am.

I would like to be the Chickasaw Princess because I would like to travel to other places and meet new people and learn about their tribes and where they come from, as well as to share my knowledge with other Princesses.

I would like to be the next Chickasaw Princess because I would do my best to serve the tribe and be a good representative as a way of giving back to my people so I would give one hundred percent in serving as Princess and do the best of my ability.

Chickasaw Junior Princess Candidates

Fichik Frazier



Fichik Frazier

Fichik Frazier is the 14-year-old daughter of George, Jr., and Sonya Frazier. She is a ninth-grade student at Ada Junior High School, Ada, Okla.

"Why I would like to be Chickasaw Junior Princess"

I want to be the Chickasaw Nation Junior Princess because of the culture. After I have seen the entire book, I knew that I needed to be a part of that wonderful tradition. Yes, I'm Chickasaw, and I want to show everyone that I really am.

I have seen all the princesses from the past make the nation light up and I want to let everyone know that I'm going to try to be the one. The one of so many to make the Chickasaw Nation proud with success and pride, the beautiful land in which we as united people call the Chickasaw Nation.

There is so much that I want to tell my peers. About my wonderful culture in which I have come. It is important that I teach my peers about my culture since no one is speaking our language. We all need to keep our culture alive, otherwise our customs will die. I want to be the one to keep our traditional ways alive.

Catie Newport

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Catie Jill Newport is the 17-year-old daughter of Steve and Drucilla Jacob. She is a sophomore at Ada High School, Ada, Okla.

"Why I would like to be Chickasaw Junior Princess"

My name is Catie Newport and I am a sophomore at Ada High School.

Becoming the next Chickasaw Jr. Princess would be a great honor to represent the Chickasaw Nation and its people. I'm very proud of my Native heritage and I have been raised to respect the ways and teachings from my Elders. From them, I have learned to strive for perfection and pushed towards my goals and dreams.

I feel that I would do an excellent job representing the great Chickasaw Nation. Winning the title it would be an excellent honor and I would treat it with the utmost respect. I feel that by showing the youth of not only our tribe, but also the youth of Native people what a positive role model I could be.

After getting first runner-up last year I absolutely knew I couldn't give up on the crown.

If selected as the Chickasaw Junior Princess I would represent the Chickasaw Nation to the best of my ability, and uphold my responsibilities while serving as the 2007-2008 Chickasaw Junior Princess along with Chickasaw Princess and Little Miss Chickasaw.

Nakita Parnacher

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Nakita Jere' Parnacher is the 15-year-old daughter of Jerry and Carla Parnacher and Kathleen (Wilson) and Dempsey Mathis. She is a sophomore at Byng High School, Byng, Okla.

"Why I would like to be Chickasaw Junior Princess"

My name is Nakita Parnacher and I would like to be selected as the 2007-2008 Chickasaw Junior Princess. Not for the trophy or prize money (although that is pretty tempting) but for the honor to serve as an ambassador for the Unconquered and Unconquered Chickasaw Nation.

I understand the dedication and commitment necessary to serve as princess. During 2003-2004 I had the distinct honor of serving as Little Miss Chickasaw. I discovered that serving as princess involved more than just attending activities by making appearances. I had to learn how to dance and for those who know me you know that being graceful was not part of my talents! Through our weekly dance lessons I was able to perform with confidence and grace at the annual festival. I also learned new Chickasaw words that help keep the language alive. The most valuable skill I learned was learning how to do the Lord's Prayer in Indian sign language. I have been able to perform this prayer for our school and at my uncle's funeral. It now has a special meaning in my life.

If I am selected as the 2007-2008 Chickasaw Junior Princess I will strive to become a positive role model to other Chickasaw youth. I will seek to become more knowledgeable of our heritage and culture through participating in various tribal events. I have discovered that God allowed me many learning opportunities as a past princess and I look forward to gaining even more knowledge now that I am older.

Princess Pageant,

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The Chickasaw princesses have been making appearances for many years. The heritage of the princesses goes back to 1963 when Ranell (James) Harry, daughter of former Chickasaw Governor Overton James, was appointed the first princess.

Current Chickasaw royalty completing their reigns are Chickasaw Princess Monica Seawright, Junior Miss Chickasaw Princess Nacobi Walker and Little Miss Chickasaw Princess Caitlynn Sparlin.

Julie Underwood

Julie Underwood

Julie Lashell Underwood is the 14-year-old daughter of Darrell and Linda G. (Frazier) Underwood. She is a seventh-grade student at Mill Creek Junior High School, Mill Creek, Okla.

"Why I would like to be Chickasaw Junior Princess"

Chukma,

My name is Julie Underwood, I am in the seventh grade and I attend Mill Creek Jr. High School. My parents are Darrell and Linda Underwood. My grandparents are Lillian Underwood and the late Andrew Underwood. I have one older sister and three older brothers. I live in Reagan, Okla.

It has been six years since I was chosen Little Miss Chickasaw. Now that I am older I would like to be your next Jr. Miss Chickasaw. I would like everyone to know how proud I am to be a member of the Chickasaw tribe and to let everyone know about our heritage, culture and the many opportunities the Chickasaw Nation has to offer.

I have been on the Chickasaw Governor Honor Roll since I was in the third grade, the Superintendent's Honor Roll and the Principal's Honor Roll. I have been a member of the academic team since the fourth grade and have many awards in math, science and reading. I was chosen to join the Denton County area students who are eligible for People to People, an education exploration program funded by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

I have attended most of the Chickasaw Nation camps since I was eight years old and have been a member of the Children's Choir, the Chickasaw Nation Junior Olympics and a child actress in the movie "Remember" made by the Chickasaw Nation Multimedia Department.

My hobbies are playing basketball and watching my brothers and cousins play fast pitch softball, but my favorite hobby is dancing the jingle dance. I have been dancing since I was three years old. I have placed in the top three in Oklahoma, New Mexico, Texas, Missouri, Mississippi, Kansas and Colorado.

Yakoke,

Julie Underwood

Little Miss Chickasaw Candidates

Mikayla Hook

Mikayla Hook

Mikayla Ann Hook is the 11-year-old daughter of Michael and Deborah (Shelley) Hook. She is a fifth-grade student at Willard Grade Center, Ada, Okla.

"Why I would like to be Little Miss Chickasaw"

I would like to be Little Miss Chickasaw so that I could repay all that Governor Anoatubby and the Chickasaw Nation have done for me. I get to attend all these great and fun camps for free. I've been in the tennis camp, basketball camp, back to school bash, children's choir and I've been a member of the Chickasaw Honor Club for two years.

I like playing basketball, playing my guitar and singing. The Chickasaw Nation has been good to my family and me. My mother was the Chickasaw Princess a long time ago and she told me how much fun she had going places and meeting new people.

I would love to ride in parades and make lots of new friends. Being Chickasaw has given me lots of things that other kids that aren't Chickasaw don't have.

I'm proud to be a Chickasaw and would love to show how proud I am by being Little Miss and with God's help I know that I would wear this crown and make the Chickasaw Nation proud of me.

Sincerely,
Mikayla Hook

Shelbey Parnacher

Shelbey Parnacher

Shelbey Parnacher is the 11-year-old daughter of Craig and Shannon Smith Parnacher. She is a sixth-grade student at Latta Elementary, Ada, Okla.

"Why I would like to be Little Miss Chickasaw"

I would like to be the next Little Miss Chickasaw to learn more about my Chickasaw culture, heritage, elders and government.

I think it would be an experience of a lifetime to serve as an ambassador of the great unconquered and unconquerable Chickasaw Nation. I would like to travel to different places, meet different people and represent our Native American Chickasaw people.

I am very proud to be Native American (Chickasaw). It would be an honor for me if I were chosen to be the next 2007-2008 Little Miss Chickasaw. I would represent the great Unconquered and Unconquerable Chickasaw Nation to the best of my ability.

Thank you,
Shelbey Parnacher

Alexis Walker

Alexis Walker

Alexis Olivia Walker is the 11-year-old daughter of Darrell and Johnna (Ellis) Walker. She is a sixth-grade student at Willard Grade Center, Ada, Okla.

"Why I would like to be Little Miss Chickasaw"

Chukma!

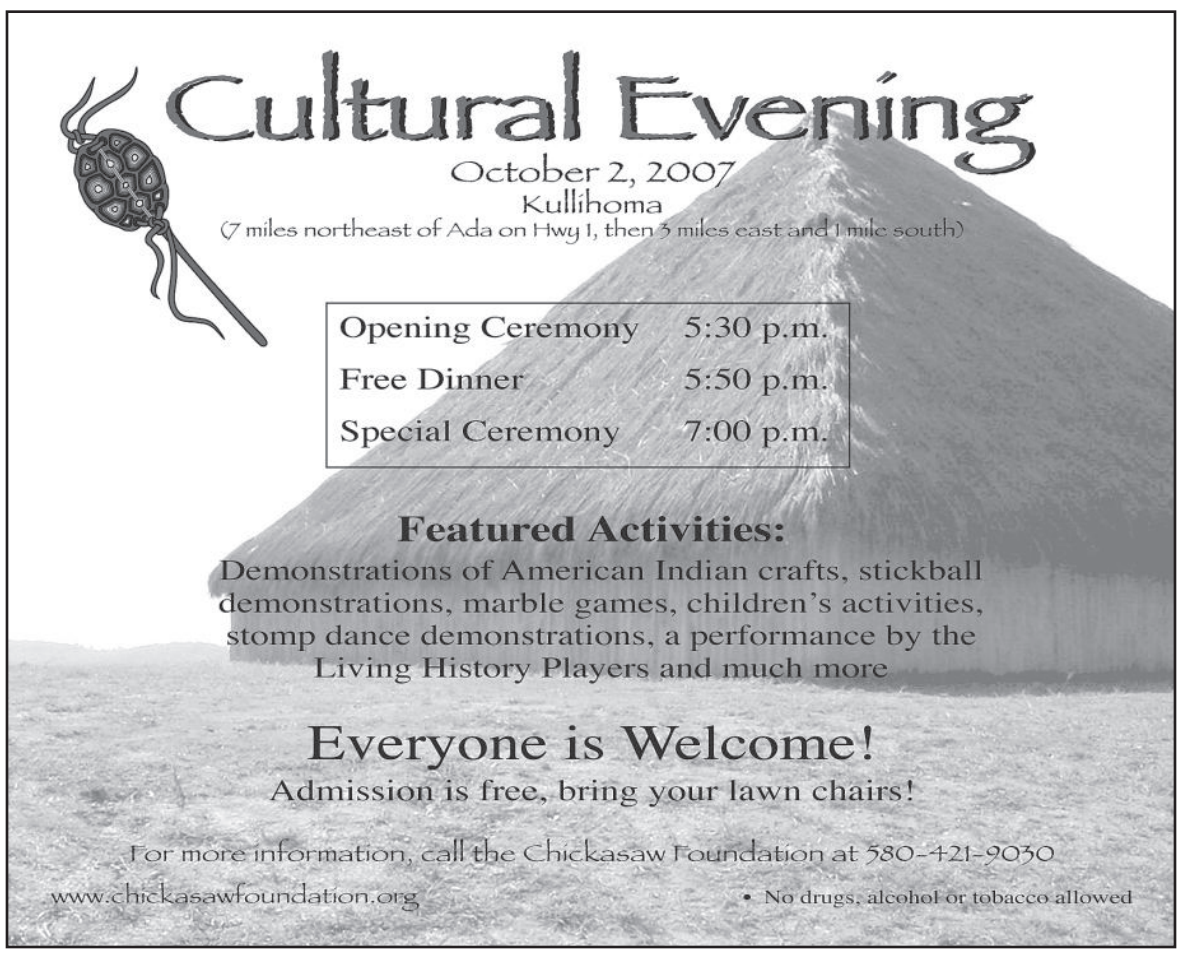
My name is Alexis Olivia Walker. I am eleven years old, and in the sixth grade at Willard Grade Center in Ada. I would like to serve as your next Little Miss Chickasaw.

Little Miss Chickasaw is a wonderful opportunity to represent the great unconquered and unconquerable Chickasaw Nation as well as my family. I believe I would learn more about my heritage and language, meet new people and visit exciting places.

My great-grandmothers, Pauline Walker and the late Myrtle Brown, have always been very special people in my life. I have tried to follow in their footsteps by learning some of the Chickasaw language, as they were fluent speakers. My grandmother, JoAnn Ellis and Sally Graham, also speak the language and try to teach me words and phrases. It is sometimes hard, but also exciting.

It would be my honor to represent the Chickasaw Nation. Thank you for considering me for the position of Little Miss Chickasaw.

Stacy (Wasson) Wesberry, center, served as Chickasaw Princess for 1983-1984. Runners-up that year were, left, LaDonna Brown, and, right, Neva (Hamilton) Harjochee.


Cultural Evening
October 2, 2007
Kullihoma
(7 miles northeast of Ada on Hwy 1, then 3 miles east and 1 mile south)
Opening Ceremony 5:30 p.m.
Free Dinner 5:50 p.m.
Special Ceremony 7:00 p.m.
Featured Activities:
Demonstrations of American Indian crafts, stickball demonstrations, marble games, children's activities, stomp dance demonstrations, a performance by the Living History Players and much more
Everyone is Welcome!
Admission is free, bring your lawn chairs!
For more information, call the Chickasaw Foundation at 580-421-9030
www.chickasawfoundation.org
• No drugs, alcohol or tobacco allowed

2006 - 2007 Chickasaw Royalty

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Chickasaw Royalty

Monica Seawright
Chickasaw Princess

Nacobi Walker
Junior Chickasaw Princess

Caitlin Sparlin
Little Miss Chickasaw

Annual Meeting and Festival begin September 29

TISHOMINGO, Okla. - It is time once again to make plans to attend the 47th Annual Meeting of the Chickasaw Nation and the 19th Annual Chickasaw Festival.

This week-long celebration of tribal culture and heritage is scheduled for September 29 through October 6 in Tishomingo, the historic capitol of the Chickasaw Nation. Events will also take place in Ada, Kullihoma and Thackerville.

The Annual Meeting will include Governor Bill Anoatubby delivering the "State of the Nation" address 9 a.m. Saturday, October 6 at Fletcher Auditorium on the campus of Murray State College (MSC) in Tishomingo.

"This is such a great time of year for Chickasaws," Gov. Anoatubby said. "We always look forward to gathering with our families and friends to celebrate our culture and history."

The State of the Nation address is always followed by the festival parade down Tishomingo's Main Street. Hundreds will gather to watch as bands, floats, organizations and children's groups from across the southern Oklahoma march the parade route.

The festival includes a variety of exciting events designed to appeal to people of all ages.Included are the traditional Chickasaw Lunch on the MSC campus, cultural and dance troupe demonstrations on the capitol grounds, the Chickasaw artists exhibition, the Band Day Extravaganza, Chickasaw White House tours, a horseshoe tournament and more.

Saturday's festival events and activities are conducted throughout Tishomingo on the grounds of the historic Chickasaw Capitol, Pennington Park, Murray State College campus, Johnston County Sports complex and other venues.

New to this year's festival is a gospel singing on Saturday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on the capitol ground's west lot. Local and professional singers and groups will be on stage to entertain and inspire.

Several events for kids and families are scheduled throughout the festival week. These include the Chickasaw Princess Pageant in Ada, the Junior Olympics at Tishomingo High School, softball tournaments in Tishomingo, a golf tournament at the new 18-hole WinStar Golf Course, cultural tours and demonstrations at the capitol grounds, the Arts and Culture Awards ceremony, Youthful Celebration with new cultural make-and-take items, the senior arts and crafts sale, the JC Riding Club rodeo, and a cultural evening at Kullihoma.

New attractions for children include a petting zoo, pony rides and train rides in Pennington Park. The park events will also feature inflatable games and the Kids' Fun To Learn tent that includes face painting, crafts and several make-and-take projects. Children's activities are available Tuesday, October 2 through Friday, October 5 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturday, October 6 from noon to 5 p.m.

A complete listing of events, locations and schedules is available in the September issue of *the Chickasaw Times*, or online at www.chickasaw.net.

For more information, contact the Chickasaw Festival office at (580) 371-2040 or 1 (800) 593-3356.

Come join us for Annual Meeting and Festival!

2007 Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Festival

September 29 - October 6

See schedule of events on back page

For additional information about the 2007 Chickasaw Annual Meeting & Festival, call 1-800-593-3356.

Festival to feature Southeastern Art Show and Market

Southeastern and Woodland tribal artists from across the nation will showcase their extraordinary talents at the 2007 Southeastern Art Show and Market (SEASAM) during this year's Annual Meeting and Chickasaw Festival.

The competitive exhibit, hosted by the Chickasaw Nation, will begin Thursday, October 4 and conclude Saturday, October 6 as a part of the Annual Meeting and Festival in Tishomingo, Oklahoma.

The outside market offers Southeastern and Woodland artists the opportunity to showcase and market their work on the beautifully restored grounds of the historic Chickasaw capitol. This special celebration of fellowship, culture, history, dance and art brings visitors from throughout the region.

Each artist may enter up to two pieces of artwork in two categories of their choice (four total entries). Those artists who earn top honors in the two-dimensional, three-dimensional, cultural and best in show will each receive a specially designed commemorative gold medal.

Artists winning first place in each category will receive a special commemorative bronze medal saluting individual accomplishment. Ribbons will be awarded to second and third place winners. All winners will receive monetary awards.

All winners will be announced Thursday evening, October 4, during the Chickasaw Nation Arts and Culture Awards Ceremony conducted at Fletcher Auditorium on the campus of Murray State College. Entries will be displayed at a reception immediately following the ceremony.

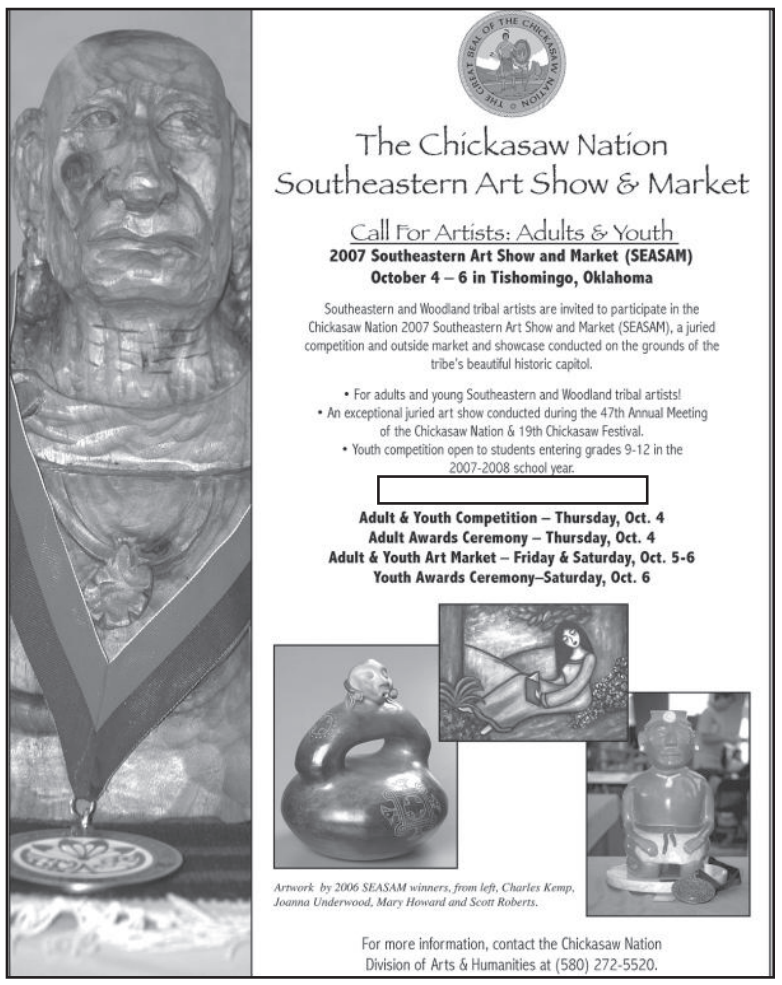
Categories are defined in the following manner: two dimensional – painting, drawing, graphics, photography, two dimensional open; three dimensional – sculpture, pottery and three dimensional open; cultural – beadwork / quill work, basketry, traditional dress, flutes, drums, adornments to regalia (dress); jewelry – inlaid stone, bead; textiles – weavings and clothing; miniatures – must be 4.5 inches or less and a functional piece.

Chickasaw Nation tribal leaders, employees and citizens are dedicated to the promotion and preservation of Native American culture, history and art and are pleased to extend this invitation to Southeastern artists to share their rich heritage with others. The Annual Meeting and Festival attract visitors from across the state, nation and world. Last year's festivities drew an estimated 20,000 visitors.

Recognized as an "Outstanding Event" by the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department and the Oklahoma Travel Industry Association, the Annual Meeting and Festival also earned the honor of receiving the bronze medal in the Grand Pinnacle Award from the International Festival and Events Association.

Interested artists are encouraged to complete an application packet containing an official entry form, biographical information and artwork specifications. Applications are available online at www.chickasaw.net.

Inquiries may be directed to Chairperson Trina Jones, arts in education manager Laura Morrison or special projects director Julie Burwell at (580) 272-5520 or by e-mail at trina.jones@chickasaw.net, laura.morrison@chickasaw.net or julie.burwell@chickasaw.net.


The Chickasaw Nation
Southeastern Art Show & Market
Call For Artists: Adults & Youth
2007 Southeastern Art Show and Market (SEASAM)
October 4 – 6 in Tishomingo, Oklahoma
Southeastern and Woodland tribal artists are invited to participate in the Chickasaw Nation 2007 Southeastern Art Show and Market (SEASAM), a juried competition and outside market and showcase conducted on the grounds of the tribe's beautiful historic capitol.
• For adults and young Southeastern and Woodland tribal artists!
• An exceptional juried art show conducted during the 47th Annual Meeting of the Chickasaw Nation & 19th Chickasaw Festival.
• Youth competition open to students entering grades 9-12 in the 2007-2008 school year.
Adult & Youth Competition – Thursday, Oct. 4
Adult Awards Ceremony – Thursday, Oct. 4
Adult & Youth Art Market – Friday & Saturday, Oct. 5-6
Youth Awards Ceremony–Saturday, Oct. 6
Artwork by 2006 SEASAM winners, from left, Charles Kemp, Joanna Underwood, Mary Howard and Scott Roberts.
For more information, contact the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts & Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

Young artists to display art during Youth Southeastern Art Show

Young artists from Southeastern and Woodland tribes will display their works and build their professional portfolio for a groundbreaking art show and market October 4 – 6.

The 2007 Southeastern Art Show and Market (SEASAM) presents an incredible event for budding artists to impact the art world in a competitive exhibit hosted by the Chickasaw Nation as a part of the 47th Chickasaw Nation Annual Meeting and 19th Annual Festival in Tishomingo, Oklahoma.

Conducted adjacent to the adult art show and market on the grounds of the tribe's beautiful historic capitol, the competitive exhibit will feature art by Southeastern and Woodland tribal youths who will be entering grades 9-12 in the fall of the 2007-2008 school year. Younger artists are also able to experience the wonderful diversity of the historic cultures of the professional artists during this special annual event.

"This competition is an exciting opportunity for young artists to express their creativity and share it with others," Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby said. "They can experience a future in art while developing strong contacts in the professional art world,"

Participants are eligible to submit up to two pieces of artwork in two categories of their choice (four total entries) for this juried competition. The categories include: two dimensional – painting, drawing, graphics, photography, two dimensional open; three dimensional – sculpture, pottery, three dimensional open; cultural – beadwork / quill work, basketry, traditional dress, flutes, drums, adornments to regalia (dress); jewelry – inlaid stone, bead; textiles – weavings; and miniatures – must be 4.5 inches or less and a functional piece.

Those ten artists who earn top honors in the two-dimensional, three-dimensional, cultural, jewelry, textiles or miniatures categories will each receive a commemorative medal saluting individual awards of excellence and $100. All entrants will receive certificates of participation.

All entries will be displayed October 5 – 6 and the winners will be announced at 2:30 p.m. Saturday afternoon, October 6, during the Chickasaw Festival activities in the SEASAM tent on the grounds of the historic capitol.

"Our division works to create and implement current and future opportunities for artists," Lona Barrick, Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts & Humanities administrator, said. "Competitive exhibits like this offer our tribal youth the chance to realize their dreams of becoming artists and will spark their imaginations for what the future can hold."

Interested artists are encouraged to complete an application packet containing an official entry form, biographical information and artwork specifications. Applications are available online at www.chickasaw.net.

Inquiries may be directed to SEASAM youth art competition chair and arts in education manager Laura Morrison, SEASAM chair Trina Jones or special projects director Julie Burwell at (580) 272-5520 or by e-mail by at laura.morrison@chickasaw.net, trina.jones@chickasaw.net or julie.burwell@chickasaw.net.

2006 - 2007 Royalty

Gov. Bill Anoatubby and 2006-2007 Chickasaw royalty. Completing their reigns are, from left, Little Miss Chickasaw Caitlynn Sparlin, Junior Chickasaw Princess Nacobi Walker and Chickasaw Princess Monica Seawright.

2007 Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Festival

EVENT	*VENUE*	*DATE*	*TIME*
Jr. Olympics	THS	Sept. 29	9:30 a.m.-2 pm
Co-Ed Slow Pitch Softball Tournament	MSC/JCSC	Sept. 29-30	9 a.m.
Golf Tournament	Winstar Golf Course	Sept. 29	2:45p.m.-UntilFinished
Chickasaw Princess Pageant	Ada Cougar Activity Center	Oct. 1	6 p.m.
Cultural Tours, Cultural Demonstrations/ Youthful Celebration	Capitol Grounds (West Lot)	Oct.2-Oct. 5	9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Kids' Fun to Learn Tent/	Pennington Park	Oct.2-Oct.5	9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Chickasaw Nation Senior Arts & Crafts	Capitol Grounds (West Lot)	Oct. 3-Oct. 6	9 a.m.-2 pm
		Oct. 6	12 p.m.-5 p.m.
Cultural Evening	Kullihoma – Ada	Oct. 2	5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Arts and Culture Awards	MSC (Ballroom)	Oct. 4	6 p.m. until finished
Gospel Singing	Capitol Grounds (West Lot)	Oct. 6	2 p.m.-4p.m.
JC Riding Club Rodeo	Tee Pee Arena (Tishomingo)	Oct.5- Oct. 6	8 p.m.- Until Finished
Fast Pitch Softball Tournaments (Women's & Men's)	Jo. Co. Sports Complex/MSC	Oct. 6-Oct. 7	9 a.m.
Chickasaw Citizens Registration	MSC	Oct. 6	8 a.m.
State of the Nation Address	Fletcher Auditorium- MSC	Oct. 6	9 a.m.-Until Finished
Chickasaw Artists Exhibition	Grounds behind Capitol	Oct. 5-Oct.6	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Band Day Extravaganza	THS	Oct. 6	11:30 a.m. -5 p.m.
Parade	Main Street	Oct. 6	11:30 a.m. - Until Finished
Chickasaw White House Tours	Emet	Oct. 6	12 p.m.-5 p.m.
Cultural Demonstrators	Capitol Grounds (West Lot)	Oct. 6	12 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Chickasaw Lunch	MSC Campus	Oct. 6	Noon
Pennington Park Activities Begin	Pennington Park	Oct. 6	12 p.m.–5 p.m.
Horseshoe Tournament Registration	Pennington Park	Oct. 6	12 p.m.-12:45 p.m.
Horseshoe Tournament	Pennington Park	Oct. 6	1 p.m.
Dance Troupe Demonstrations	Capitol Grounds (West Lot)	Oct. 6	1 p.m. –5 p.m.

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